

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action of December 2, 2005 (the "Office Action"):


1. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,464,691 issued to Casteneda et al. ("Casteneda et al."); and
2. Claims 1 and 3-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Casteneda et al. in view U.S. Pat. No. 6,740,028 issued to Boone et al. ("Boone et al."); and
3. Claims 17, 19-22, 24-30, 33-38, 40, 42-44, 47-53, 55-57, 60, 75-76, 78, 80-87, 103-109, and 111-149 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 3-16 have been cancelled without prejudice along with previously cancelled claims 2, 18, 23, 31-32, 39, 41, 45-46, 54, 58-59, 61-74, 77, 79, 88-102, 110, and 150-154.

Since remaining Claims 17, 19-22, 24-30, 33-38, 40, 42-44, 47-53, 55-57, 60, 75-76, 78, 80-87, 103-109, and 111-149 are allowed in the Office Action, a Notice of Allowance indicating such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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